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ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee are listed in the letter dated 20 September 1996 from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/51/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/51/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/51/250), and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience.

List of documents

3. Attention is drawn to the list of documents submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee (A/C.2/51/L.1/Add.1), which will be revised and issued in an addendum to the present document (A/C.2/51/L.1/Add.1/Rev.1). The draft programme of work should be read in conjunction with the list of documents in order to obtain a full picture of the scope of the Committee's work programme.

Length of statements

4. The Second Committee has decided to limit statements on all agenda items, with the exception of the general debate, to 7 minutes and to limit statements during the general debate to 15 minutes.

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Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

5. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of eight formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Second Committee. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In this connection, the General Assembly decided to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the General Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Informal consultations

6. In view of the financial measures affecting conference services, there will be little possibility of servicing informal consultations or working groups, or meetings of regional or other groups of Member States. As a result, as indicated in the programme of work, some of the formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee will be utilized for informal consultations.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. The Committee is reminded that, in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly, chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council are to be considered in company with other agenda items, as well as under item 12. The list of documentation contains further information on this procedure (see para. 3 above).

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

8. Bearing in mind the allocation of the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Second Committee set a target date of 29 November for the conclusion of its work.

ANNEX

Draft proposed programme of work of the Second Committee

Item to be considered	Document title and symbol
Week of 16-20 September	
Friday, 20 September	
p.m.	
Election of the Bureau and organization of work	Organization of work of the Second Committee (A/C.2/51/L.1 and Add.1)
Week of 14-18 October	
General debate	
Monday, 14 October	
3 p.m.	
General debate	
Tuesday, 15 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
1 p.m. Deadline for the list of speakers on General debate	
General debate (continued)	
Wednesday, 16 October	
3 p.m.	
General debate (continued)	
Thursday, 17 October	
10 a.m.	
General debate (concluded)	
3 p.m.	
Item 99 Training and research	Report of the Council of the United Nations University (A/51/31) Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 49/124) (A/51/324)

Item to be considered	Document title and symbol
Thursday, 17 October (continued)	
Item 98 Operational activities for development	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress at mid-decade on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/217 on the World Summit for Children (A/51/256) Letter dated 5 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents of the G-7 Summit, held at Lyon, France, from 27 to 29 June 1996 (A/51/208-S/1996/543)
Friday, 18 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 98 (concluded)	
Week of 21-25 October	
Monday, 21 October	
3 p.m.	
Item 97 Environment and sustainable development	Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1996 (A/51/3, part II) Letter dated 20 March 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Trujillo Act and the Protocol Amending the Cartagena Agreement (A/51/87) Letter dated 7 May 1996 from the Permanent Representative of France and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting texts from the Summit on Nuclear Safety and Security, held in Moscow on 19 and 20 April 1996 (A/51/131) Letter dated 5 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents of the G-7 Summit, held at Lyon, France, from 27-29 June 1996 (A/51/208-S/1996/543) Letter dated 28 May 1996 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the results of the 95th conference and related meetings of the Inter-parliamentary Union (A/51/210)

Item to be considered		Document title and symbol
Monday, 21 October (continued)		
		Note verbale dated 11 July 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Sofia Declaration on Good-Neighbourly Relations, Stability, Security and Cooperation in the Balkans (A/51/211-S/1996/551)
		Letter dated 12 August 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/51/295)
Item 97 (d)	Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing Countries	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 50/116) (A/51/354)
(e)	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 50/115)
(f)	International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the Decade and on proposals to enhance the programme and coordination capacity of the Secretariat of the Decade (resolution 50/117 A) (A/51/186-E/1996/80)
Tuesday, 22 October		
10 a.m.		
Item 97 (d), (e) and (f) (concluded)		
3 p.m.		
Item 97 (a)	Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development	Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1996 (A/51/3, part II)
		Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (resolution 50/112)
		Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa on its eighth session (resolution 50/112) (A/51/76)

Item to be considered	Document title and symbol
Tuesday, 22 October (continued)	
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on its ninth session (resolution 50/112) (A/51/76/Add.1)
(b) * Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21	Report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparations for the 1997 special session (resolution 50/113)
(c) Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the results of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (resolution 50/111) (A/51/312)
Wednesday, 23 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 97 (a), (b) and (c) (continued)	
Thursday, 24 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 97 (a), (b) and (c) (concluded)	
3 p.m.	
Item 99 Training and research	
(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research	Report of the Acting Executive Director of the Institute (A/51/14)
	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 50/121)
6 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 99 (b)	
Friday, 25 October	
11.30 a.m.	
Observance of World Food Day in Trusteeship Council Chamber	
1 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 98	
3 p.m.	

Item to be considered	Document title and symbol
Friday, 25 October (continued)	
Item 95 Sectoral policy questions	
(a) Industrial development cooperation	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 49/108) (A/51/340)
	Note verbale dated 11 July 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Sofia Declaration on Good-Neighbourly Relations, Stability, Security and Cooperation in the Balkans (A/51/211-S/1996/551)
(b) Food and sustainable agricultural development	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 49/103)
Week of 28 October-1 November	
Monday, 28 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 96 Sustainable development and international economic cooperation	Report of the Secretary-General on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (resolution 50/130) (A/51/314)
	Letter dated 18 January 1996 from the Permanent Representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Joint Russian-Iranian Statement on the Caspian Sea (A/51/59)
	Letter dated 21 February 1996 from the Permanent Representatives of the Russian Federation and Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a joint statement on the results of talks concerning the problems affecting the Caspian Sea (A/51/73)
	Letter dated 20 March 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Trujillo Act and the Protocol Amending the Cartagena Agreement (A/51/87)
	Letter dated 19 April 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a letter dated 19 April 1996 from the Chairmen/Coordinators of the Group of Least Developed Countries, the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries and the Alliance of Small Island States addressed to the Secretary-General (A/51/120)
	Letter dated 2 May 1996 from the Permanent Representatives of China and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Russian-Chinese Joint Statement (A/51/127)

Item to be considered	Document title and symbol
Monday, 28 October (continued)	
	Letter dated 16 May 1996 from the Permanent Representatives of Kazakstan and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Joint Russian-Kazak (Almaty) Declaration and the Joint Statement on Cooperation in the Use of the Caspian Sea (A/51/138)
	Letter dated 5 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents of the G-7 Summit, held at Lyon, France, from 27 to 29 June 1996 (A/51/208-S/1996/543)
	Letter dated 28 May 1996 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the results of the 95th Conference and related meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (A/51/210)
	Letter dated 12 August 1966 from the Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/51/295)
(a) Implementation and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development	
(i) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 49/92) (A/51/270)
(ii) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 49/92) (A/51/270)
(c) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 49/106) (A/51/285)
	Note verbale dated 11 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Sofia Declaration on Good-Neighbourly Relations, Stability, Security and Cooperation in the Balkans (A/51/211-S/1996/551)

Item to be considered	Document title and symbol
Tuesday, 29 October	
10 a.m.	
1 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 97 (d), (e) and (f)	
Item 96 (a) and (c) (concluded)	
3 p.m.	
Item 96 (e) Human settlements	Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (resolution 50/100) (A/CONF.165/14) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of and follow-up to Habitat II, including the role played by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (resolution 50/100) (A/51/384)
Wednesday, 30 October	
10 a.m.	
Item 96 (e) (concluded)	
3 p.m.	
Item 96 (f) Eradication of poverty	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 50/107)
(g) Cultural development	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the World Commission on Culture and Development (resolution 46/158) Note verbale dated 11 July 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Sofia Declaration on Good-Neighbourly Relations, Stability, Security and Cooperation in the Balkans (A/51/211-S/1996/551)
Thursday, 31 October	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
1 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 97 (a), (b) and (c)	
6 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 99 (a)	
Item 96 (f) and (g) (concluded)	

Item to be considered	Document title and symbol
Friday, 1 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 96 (b) Agenda for development	
(i) Agenda for development	Letter dated 15 May 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the summary of proceedings of the Tokyo Conference on Development Strategy held on 21 and 22 March 1996 (A/51/168 and Corr.1) Letter dated 5 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents of the G-7 Summit, held at Lyon, France, from 27 to 29 June 1996 (A/51/208-S/1996/543) Note by the Secretary-General on the provisions of General Assembly resolution 50/227 addressed to the Ad Hoc Working Group of the General Assembly on an Agenda for Development (A/51/319)
(ii) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership	Note by the Secretary-General (resolution 50/122) Note verbale dated 11 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Sofia Declaration on Good-Neighbourly Relations, Stability, Security and Cooperation in the Balkans (A/51/211-S/1996/551)
6 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 95 (a) and (b)	

Item to be considered	Document title and symbol
Week of 4-8 November	
Monday, 4 November*	
Tuesday, 5 November**	
1 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 96 (a) and (c)	
3 p.m.	
Item 96 (d) Population and development	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (resolution 50/124) (A/51/350)
	Letter dated 27 March 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a joint communiqué issued at the close of the Regional Conference on Migration (A/51/90)
	Letter dated 21 May 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué issued by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and heads of delegation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries on the occasion of the Meeting of the Ministerial Committee on Methodology, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 15-16 May 1996 (A/51/154)

* 10 a.m. 1996 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

3 p.m. United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

** 10 a.m. 1996 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities.

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Item to be considered	Document title and symbol
Wednesday, 6 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
1 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 96 (e)	
Item 12 Report of the Economic and Social Council	Report of the Council for 1996, chapters I-IV (A/51/3, part I)
	Report of the Council for 1996, chapters V-VII (A/51/3, part II)
	Report of the Council for 1996, annexes (A/51/3, part III)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan (resolution 50/129) (A/51/135-E/1996/51)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria in developing countries, particularly in Africa (resolution 50/128) (A/51/379)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)
Thursday, 7 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 94 Macroeconomic policy questions	Letter dated 20 March 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Trujillo Act and the Protocol Amending the Cartagena Agreement (A/51/87)
	Letter dated 5 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents of the G-7 Summit, held at Lyon, France, from 27 to 29 June 1996 (A/51/208-S/1996/543)

Item to be considered	Document title and symbol
Thursday, 7 November (continued)	
(c) Trade and development	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its forty-third session (resolution 1995 (XIX))
	Report of the Trade and Development Board on its thirteenth executive session (resolution 1995 (XIX))
	Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (resolution 49/97) (A/51/331)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on specific measures in favour of island developing countries (resolution 49/100) (A/51/255)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on measures designed to improve the transit/transport environment in Central Asia (resolution 49/102) (A/51/288)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the Midrand Declaration adopted at the ninth session of UNCTAD (resolution 1995 (XIX)) (A/51/308)
	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations Conference on Trade and Development: review of institutional and programme issues" (A/51/152)
	Note verbale dated 11 July 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Sofia Declaration on Good-Neighbourly Relations, Stability, Security and Cooperation in the Balkans (A/51/211-S/1996/551)
(d) Commodities	No advance documentation requested.
1 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 96 (f) and (g)	

Item to be considered	Document title and symbol
Friday, 8 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
6 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 96 (b) and (d)	
Item 94 (c) and (d) (concluded)	
Week of 11-15 November	
Monday, 11 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Item 94 Macroeconomic policy questions	
(a) External debt crisis and development	Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 50/92) (A/51/294)
(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries	Report of the Secretary-General on net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (resolution 49/93) (A/51/291)
	Report of the Secretary-General on global financial integration (resolution 50/91) (A/51/388)
Tuesday, 12 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
6 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 94 (c) and (d)	
Item 94 (a) and (b) (concluded)	
Wednesday, 13 November*	
6 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 12	

* The Second Committee will meet in formal meetings as and when required.

Item to be considered	Document title and symbol
Wednesday, 13 November (continued)	
6 p.m. Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 94 (a) and (b)	
Thursday, 14 November	
Friday, 15 November	
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	
Informal consultations	
Week of 18-22 November	
Informal consultations	
Week of 25-29 November	
Informal consultations and conclusion of the work of the Second Committee	